

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 1967**

April 30, 1999

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the Mississippi River Parkway Commission of Tennessee and provides that such Commission shall:

- Serve as the local coordinating agency for the development of the Great River Road along the Mississippi River from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Assist in coordinating the development and preservation of highways and amenities along the Great River Road in Tennessee and its embellishments, such as scenic easements, roadside parks, and scenic overlooks.
- Assist other state and local agencies in efforts to create a unified development of the Great River Road in Tennessee.
- Cooperate with similar committees or commission in other states and Canadian provinces in the furtherance of the development of the Great River Road from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Assist in promoting, as an attractive travel destination, the Mississippi River and the Great River Road in Tennessee and the unique scenic, historic, cultural, recreational and archeological features along the route.
- Cooperate with the federal government and the national commission.

The bill further provides that:

- For administrative purposes only, the Commission shall be attached to the Department of Transportation.
- The Commission shall be composed of eight voting members and four non-voting ex-officio members.
- The Commission shall meet quarterly at such time and place as designated by the Commission or the chairperson, but the chairperson shall call a regular meeting at least four times per year. The chairperson may also call, as necessary, up to four special meetings per year.
- The Department of Transportation shall provide the Commission with suitable meeting space and necessary clerical and technical assistance.
- The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services, except that they shall be paid their actual and necessary traveling expense for four regular meetings each year and no more than four special meetings each year.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$18,600 Recurring**

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Estimate assumes:

- The state commission will meet four times per year.
- 12 members will attend each meeting.
- The total cost for one meeting over a two-day period is estimated to exceed \$3,300.
- The chairperson will attend four national meetings per year.
- The total cost for one national meeting over a two-day period is estimated to exceed \$1,000.
- The national commission will meet four times per year.
- Annual expenses for meeting materials, copies, and postage is estimated to exceed \$1,300.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director